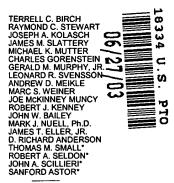
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## MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a [] continuation [2] divisional [3] continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 10/212,113 filed on August 6, 2002, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

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- 1. Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).
- 2. 

  The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
	BASIC FEE		\$750.00	\$375.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	5-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
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☐ MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$280.00	+ \$140.00
		TOTAL	\$750.00	\$0.00

- 3. A check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
- 4. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
- 5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
  - a. A --This application is a continuation divisional continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 10/212,113, filed on August 6, 2002, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. 2001-237670 filed in JAPAN on August 6, 2001 under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--
  - b. 🗌 --This application continuation is а divisional continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 10/212,113, filed on August 6, 2002and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 120. Application No. 10/212,113 is the national PCT International of phase Application No. filed on \_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of Application No. filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--

6.		Enclosed is/are $\underline{\text{four}}$ ( $\underline{4}$ ) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
7a.		A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 10/212,113 on See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
7b.		The current application qualifies for small entity status.
8.	$\boxtimes$	The prior application is assigned to Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd.
9.		A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
10a.		Priority of Application No(s). 2001-237670 filed in JAPAN on August 6, 2001 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on August 6, 2002.
10b.		Priority of International Appln filed on under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Application No filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
11.	$\boxtimes$	An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
12.	$\boxtimes$	Address all future communications to:
		BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP P.O. Box 747 Falls Church, VA 22040-0747 (703) 205-8000 or Customer No. 002292
13.		An extension of time for() month(s) untilhas been submitted in parent Application No. 10/212,113 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
14.		Also enclosed herewith is the following:

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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